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Hitz said yesterday's lengthy SFRC hearing on SALT went superbly. He complimented the Director on an excellent performance and noted the shift to a more productive hearing format--a seminar-type setting vis-a-vis a formal hearing. Discussion followed which analyzed the benefits accrued from the well-attended hearing evidenced, for example, by Senator Biden's comment on how superbly prepared the intelligence witnesses have been during the hearings--"the best," and by Senator Church's concurring remarks. The Director said it was his most rewarding experience thus far in SALT hearings. He noted, despite different nuances in approach, intelligence witnesses appeared as brethren. Hitz said he would write it up; Bowie recommended this success be relayed to our personnel, e.g., Director's Notes. The Director agreed and told Bowie that those who contributed so heavily to his support should receive special thanks--"homework made the difference." (Action: NFAC & OLC) (AIUO)

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Waller reported that in a recent conversation with HPSCI Staffer Firth, the latter asked why it is that IGs and reporting entities elsewhere in the Community do not provide the Director with copies of their reports to the Intelligence Oversight Board; Firth sees this as an anomaly. The Director said he does not want to stir debate on Charters Legislation and Executive Orders at this time, but that something must be done to improve his rein over the Intelligence Community. McMahon suggested that efforts in this regard are likely to be more productive through Charters Legislation than by Executive Order. The Director asked Silver and Waller to look into it. (Action: OGC & IG) (AIU0)

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